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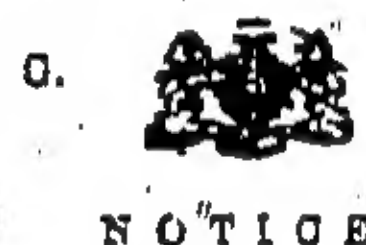
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RECRUITS PARADE. CENTRAL 3.30 P.M.
Sections 15 and 14 and recruits of No.
4 Company will parade under Chief
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nesday, May 29th and 31st.
Recruits of No. 2 Platoon will parade
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1st.

PROMOTIONS.
The Hon. C. S. I. has sanctioned the
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ABSENTEES FROM DUTY.
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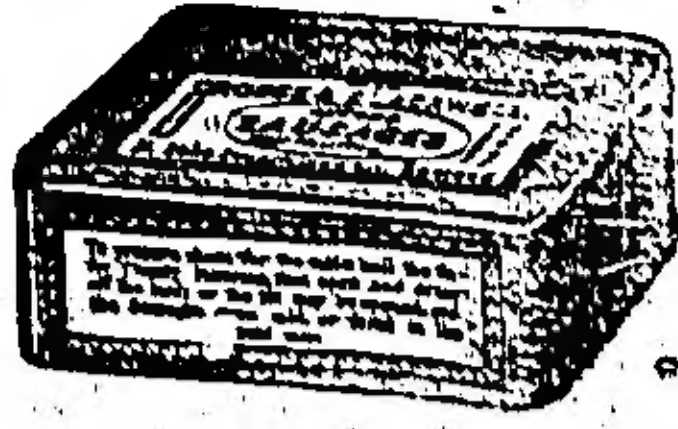
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This battalion formed part of the 15th (Scottish) Division, which took part in the fierce fighting near Loos on September 25th last. During the night before, the battalion, under Lieut. Colonel Douglas Hamilton (who fell in the great battle, winning the V.C. by his prowess), had been resting at La Beuvriere. On Thursday, the 23rd, they moved up towards the firing line in a violent thunderstorm, and the Friday night was spent in a commencing trench near Philoephe. Very few got any sleep, disturbed as they were by the booming of the guns and by frogs which infected the trench.

It was with a feeling of relief that the battalion moved up to the front lines. The attack had begun, and any doubts as to its immediate success were soon dispelled by the arrival of two large bands of German prisoners, who were evidently not displeased to be out of the mud. In an incredibly short time words were passed that "the Germans are at Loos." The advance had been phenomenally quick—too quick, perhaps—for those in the next sector had been held up, with the result that the left wing of the Brigade was in the air.

Our turn had now come (continues the narrative), and, with a company leading, we advanced in line of half companies towards the left of Hill 70. Passing through "Punt's 14" we were met with a perfect hail of bullets. The enemy was on the point of advancing in large numbers to the attack, but they thought better of it and turned about. Just as they got to the crest of the hill our machine-guns came into action and caused great destruction.

GALLANT REARWARD FIGHT. While it was yet light it was pouring rain, to expose oneself, but many a man left his meagre cover to attend to a wounded comrade. The doctor had his dressing station immediately behind the pit, and there he worked like a Trojan till the place was shelled the following morning.

Although the night we were subjected to a continuous hail of shrapnel and exposed to bullets of hidden snipers. Our men by this time were utterly worn out, hungry and miserably cold. Such was the state of affairs when, early on Sunday morning, the enemy, considerably reinforced, launched his counter-attack. The troops on our left were driven back, but our men held on, though exposed to very heavy frontal and enfilade fire, till it was impossible to hold on longer, and we, too, had to withdraw.

A rally was made with a few men as the pit, and again further back. Thus, some of our men, fighting a rearward action, the enemy were checked in their advance, and the battalion was able to retire in good order for about 500 yards. Here, under cover, we formed up, and in a long, thin line again advanced.

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GEOGRAPHY AND BOUNDARY DISPUTES.

Colonel Sir Thomas Holdich, lecturing before the Royal Geographical Society on "Geographical Problems in Boundary-making," showed how costly mistakes had been made owing to lack of geographical knowledge. That was, he said, the first rock on which delimitation treaties split. Where maps did not exist and where it was out of the question to wait for them to be made, the arbitrators were forced into adopting the worst of expedients, the straight line.

The disadvantages of the straight line had been illustrated in several instances lately, notably in boundary settlements in Central and Southern Africa. In one case an awkward international complication arose when it was found that a wide tract of valuable land had been erroneously assigned to England and had to be transferred to Belgium. Then there was the adoption of a definite meridian which crossed the Kalahari Desert, the eastern limit of what was German South-West Africa. This entailed years of scientific labour—costing a sum equal to the value of thousands of square miles of useful mapping—to find where the meridian really lay.

Trouble also arose between Argentina and Chile on the partitioning of Patagonia owing to a treaty based on incorrect geographical knowledge. War nearly broke out and millions of pounds were spent in ships and armaments, but happily British arbitration was accepted.

Abundant incidents arose over the delimitation of the boundary between the United States and Canada. One of the difficulties arose as to what was meant by a "main channel." Between Vancouver and the mainland there is an archipelago of islands, and at least three channels that might be called "main channels." Chief among these islands was San Juan. In 1859 a pig was shot by an American on San Juan and the American was held before a British magistrate and threatened with imprisonment. This put a climax to the dispute, American honour was touched, and troops were landed from both sides. It looked as if the pig incident would lead to war, but the position was saved by arbitration. The award gave away the whole archipelago to the United States.

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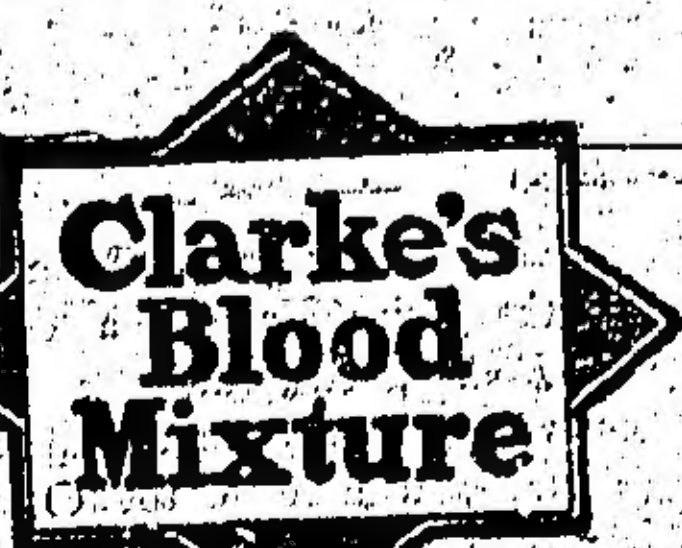
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THE DIARY.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by "Taishan".

MEMOS. FOR TO-DAY.

6.30 p.m.—Annual General Meeting of the Peak Club.
Entertainment by the Humphrey Bishop Co. at Peak Club.

General Memoranda.

Tuesday, May 30.—
Decorations Day in U.S.A.
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Portable Motor at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Carpets, Pianos etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
3 p.m.—Auction of Carpets and Rugs at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
Wednesday, May 31.—
11 a.m.—Auction of Ship's Furniture, ex. ss. "Chiyo Maru" at T.K.K. and Skott and Co. Odowas, Kennedy Town.
The English New Derby run at Newmarket.
Thursday, June 1.—
Ascension Day.
11 a.m.—Auction of s.s. "Jubilee" at A.S.C. Chamber.
Noon—"Star" Ferry Co.'s Meeting.
Saturday, June 3.—
King George's Birthday (1861).
Monday, June 5.—
Dragon Boat Festival.
Monday, June 12.—
Whit Monday.
Bank Holiday.

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DEATH.

CRONE.—On 22nd May, at Shanghai, ISABELLA, the beloved wife of W. D. McCrone, Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co. Ltd., aged 46 years.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1916.

THE WAR.

It, as is suggested in the important French Note published among our telegrams last night, the present struggle of Verdun was opened, not by the enemy's initiative, but by the will of the French higher command. We may regard it as the beginning of that great allied offensive which has been foreshadowed in many speeches made during the past few months. We know that ceaseless preparations have been made for this development, and many indications have recently been given that the Allies are ready with men and material. The fact that Mr. LLOYD GEORGE is at the present time devoting himself to a settlement of the Irish problem may in itself be regarded as evidence that the output of munitions has ceased to cause him great anxiety. If the weather conditions in Europe are to determine the striking of the hour, then the time is surely at hand, for in the month of June the weather in Europe is ideal for military operations on all fronts. So far, however, the great centres of interest are Verdun and the Italian front. We hear practically nothing of what is happening on the Russian front, and as for the great Anglo-French force assembled on the Gravello-Serbian frontier, the telegrams are completely silent. On the British front the operations for many months past have been of the "nibbling" order; but we know that all the while that the Germans have been hurling masses of troops against the almost impregnable positions in the region of Verdun, they have been careful to maintain their armies in undiminished strength before the constant fear of a big movement. It naturally follows that the greater concentration of the enemy's forces, before Verdun in the case of the Germans, and before the Italian front in the case of the Austrians, involves the weakening of positions in other theatres of the war, and invites attack where least expected. While, for example, the Italians have been compelled to fall back before a vastly increased Austrian pressure on their main front, a telegram to-day tells us that they have started to attack the Austrians south-east of Valona and are also advancing north-east of Berat. A more rapid development of the war on all fronts is now to be expected. Verdun can only be "decided" in the sense that it strikes the hour for the general battle. One may well believe that if the Germans after such prodigious sacrifices as they have made definitely fail to take the position, the end of the war will be brought perceptibly nearer by the demoralisation of the troops and the nation at large; but the end would still be far off. On the other hand there

are thinking men in Germany who recognise that if Verdun should fall to the Germans in the end, there is no likelihood of it having the same effect on the French nation. MAXIMILIAN HARDEN, a month ago, said he did not believe the capture of the fortress—if the Germans ever did take it—would be very important. The "if" is still a big one. We are warned in the French note to expect fluctuations, such as those which have taken place at Fort Douaumont which has been taken by the Germans, retaken by the French, and once again occupied by the Germans, possibly to be ejected, again in the course of a day or two. But we cannot detect in the messages any weakening of confidence on the part of the French in their ability to hold Verdun. The importance of Verdun, of course, from the German point of view is that success here would recover for the Crown Prince the great loss of prestige he has suffered as a military commander, and this is an object which apparently the German Staff regards as worth the sacrifice of a million men—for at the rate at which German troops have been sacrificed since the beginning of the battle of Verdun more than three months ago, the fortress—if it ever is taken—will not be taken at a smaller sacrifice. And Verdun is described in one of the latest telegrams as but "a mere episode" in this Titanic struggle in which the contending armies have yet to exert their maximum strength!

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Hon. Mr. David Lauder and Mrs. Lauder went on to Japan last week from Shanghai by the *Empress of Russia*.

A typhoon is reported by the Manila Observatory this morning to be near or over northern Palawan, moving west.

Mr. G. P. Lammert, auctioneer, advises us that the advertised sales of ship's gear and furniture ex. ss. "Chiyo Maru" have been postponed till further notice.

Fr. J. Costa Nunes, the Vicar General of Macao, will preach to-morrow in the Roman Catholic Cathedral, after the solemn procession.

The Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd., has declared a dividend of the seven per cent. (less incomes tax at 2/8 in the pound) for the year 1915, payable on the 29th inst.

Dr. E. Chambers, who is replacing Dr. M. A. Spurt as physician to the American Legation and Guard, has arrived in Peking from Swatow where he had been stationed on board the cruiser *Galveston*. Dr. Stuart is leaving Peking to replace Dr. Chambers on board the *Galveston*.

The following appointments are notified in to-day's *Gazette*:—Mr. R. A. C. North to act as Secretary to the Licensing Board; Mr. H. G. Hegarty to be 2nd Lieutenant in the Scouts Company, H.K.V.C.; Mr. G. H. Wake-man to be Crown Solicitor; and Mr. P. Jacks to be Land Officer.

The "Peking Gazette" describes as "a lying invention" the report that General Li Yuan Hung has refused to accept the office of President in the circumstances proclaimed by the Military Government organised at Canton. The report, however, is reaffirmed by the "Peking Daily News" but it adds: "It is still in doubt whether Vice-President Li Yuan Hung sent the telegram voluntarily or under compulsion, as he is under the power of the opponents of the Southern leaders in the Capital."

The latest papers from Shanghai say that the *China Navigation Co.* Steamer *Kiungin*, on which a fire broke out while she was on a trip up the Yangtze, will be a total loss, except possibly for her hull. She is completely burned out, with all her superstructure gone, but her funnel is still standing. The cargo was a general one with a fair proportion of such inflammable material as cotton, wool, oil, and tobacco leaf. The fire was still burning three days after the fire started.

A CHINESE SHYLOCK.

NOVEL INTERPRETATION OF "THE MERCHANT OF VENICE."

When the Bard of Avon wrote his Merchant of Venice he little thought that over 300 years later it would be done into Chinese and produced in this distant part of the globe before a delighted audience of Chinese large enough to fill His Majesty's Theatre.

The application of Shakespeare to the Chinese stage is a novelty in itself for there is no opportunity to adopt the weird native music and no possible chance to exhibit the fiery dragon in his agonising death throes. To make a Shakespearean play attractive to the native mind was indeed a task, and so well did the members of the Queen's College A.D.C. succeed last night, that the audience—composed almost entirely of Chinese—made the vast hall echo with laughter. The theme of "The Merchant of Venice" was adhered to, but its actual interpretation could hardly be recognised by the lover of the great poet's works. Certain alterations were conceived which would appeal to the Chinese and nearly every scene concluded with a hot altercation followed by a rough and tumble. The Chinese Shylock was an amusing yet successful concoction of Chinese shrewdness and Jewish tenacity which blended admirably together, producing a figure twice as cunning and alert as his Shakespearean intended. Gowned in a flowing black silk coat with overlapping sleeves, ordinary Chinese trousers caught around the ankles, and wearing coloured glasses—which denote that the owner has a more than the ordinary amount of "savvy"—and there we have the new Shylock, a Chinese Shylock complete. This Shylock was comparatively young. He had no "goatee" beard, no bushy eyebrows, a bald head or even a hooked nose; neither was he doubled up, with age; yet the character of the man was preserved and even in Chinese dress one could not mistake the new Shylock. Jessica, his devoted daughter who attempted suicide in face of financial disaster, created a bed-room scene which is likely to remain impressed for sometime upon the minds of the Europeans who saw it. The tragic incident had been converted into a comedy in which Jessica's lover and the doctor were popular figures. Portia also received a novel interpretation. The production of "The Merchant of Venice" in Chinese was a big success in the eyes of the Chinese, while the small European section enjoyed its perversities and appreciated the remarkable efforts of the members of the A.D.C. in their attempts to do into Chinese the world-famous play.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G., Col. Darling, R.E., Mr. Pomeroy Fane, the Rev. Copley Myles, and Dr. and Mrs. Pearce, were among those present last night.

TURBINE ENGINES.

INTERESTING PAPER AT ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE.

At the Engineers' Institute last evening Mr. T. W. Mackay read a technical paper on Turbine engines. Mr. K. Grigg was in the chair and the attendance of members was quite gratifying. The lecturer read his paper in connection with the gold medal to be presented by the Institute for the best paper of the season. A Parsons' marine turbine model was on exhibition through the kindness of the University authorities.

Mr. Mackay dealt with his subject in a lucid manner. He first traced the growth of the new engine. The first application of the steam turbine in a commercial capacity he said was within the memory of the present generation, and it was most interesting to view with what gigantic strides it had developed in the last few years, and the surprising manner in which it had displaced the reciprocating engine, both in land and marine practice, where large units were required. In 1884 Parsons first unit of 4 kw. capacity gave a water rate of 200 lbs. of steam per k.w.h. and we were now in a position to compare it with the 25,000 kw. unit just recently built, giving a water rate of 11.25 lbs. of steam per unit. Comprehensive reference was made to various classes of turbines and at the conclusion Mr. Mackay was heartily thanked.

Professor Middleton Smith said that the great engineering problem of the future was that of gas turbines. Steam was the wrong fluid to use. The difficulty was in getting metals to stand the high temperatures. They could not put water round the blades. The problem, however, would be solved. It was decided to reserve a future evening for discussion on the paper on the suggestion of Major D. MacDonald.

CLOSING SHARE QUOTATIONS.

	1 p.m.
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Unions	100
Sugars	107 1/2
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THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

The report for presentation to shareholders at the eighteenth ordinary annual meeting states:

The Directors have the pleasure to submit to Shareholders their report with a statement of accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1916.

ACCOUNTS.
The net earnings of the boats, after paying all working expenses, amounted to \$88,943.38 against \$74,338.75 the previous year.
The amount at credit of Profit and Loss account, (after paying for repairs, allowing for Directors and Auditors' fees and placing \$1,000.00 to credit of Reserve Fund), including \$3,174.60 brought forward, is \$95,815.93, which, with the approval of shareholders, it is proposed to appropriate as follows:
To Pay a Dividend of \$1.83 per share from Working profits, \$88,000.00
To Pay a Bonus of 45 cents share from Interest Account, 18,000.00
To write off Ice House Street "Pier" 5,000.00
To write off Launches 4,000.00
To carry forward 2,815.93
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DIRECTOR.
In accordance with the Articles of Association, Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, Kt., C.M.G., retires, but being eligible offers himself for re-election.

AUDITOR.
The accounts have been audited by Mr. F. W. Laidlaw, who offers himself for re-election.

CH. F. CRATER, Chairman.
Hongkong, 10th May, 1916.

THE FREIGHT MARKET.

Messrs "Snowman and Co." in their freight circular to-day state:—
Since reporting on 13th inst. business has improved slightly and a certain amount of chartering has been done. Although rates, comparatively speaking, are not at all on a par with those ruling a month ago, there is a great extent due to the lack of confidence by charterers in the present unsatisfactory state of affairs in the Far East, being seemingly no nearer a solution than before. During the period under review some half dozen fixtures have been made in the direction Saigon/Hongkong at rates ranging from 36 to 48 cents, and at time of writing this market closes weak with little enquiry for further business.

Export of rice from Saigon from 1st January to 17th April amounted to 306,535 tons as compared with 292,534 tons for the same period last year. Quotation for No. 3 white round sifed rice stands at \$4.25 per unit of 104 lbs. gross l.o.p. Saigon, May time shipment.
Saigon/Philippines—Philippine-owned steamers continue to fill present requirements for that market, some of whose vessels presently under charter having again been taken up for consecutive trips.
Bangkok.—During the last few days the rate to Hongkong has advanced from 30/33 cents to \$1.20/\$1.10 per picul for inside/outside the bar loading respectively, and the indication given in our last report of the probability of a steamer being wanted for a round trip, Hongkong/Bangkok/Hongkong via Hoihow/Swallow has been fulfilled, a coaster having been fixed on Lumpum basis at \$4.00.

Newchwang/Canton.—Two vessels have been fixed for prompt loading in this direction at 70 cents per picul for usual part cargoes.
Time Charters.—The fixtures of four China Merchant steamers of timetrip for six months each are reported as well as an outsider rechartered, and it is anticipated that all these vessels will be taken advantage of the present strength of the Bangkok/Hongkong rate and/or trading on the Straits to India and Persian Gulf.
Coal freights from Japan have also weakened, local stocks being still plentiful. There would be a chance of placing a steamer Moji to this at \$7.50 per ton, but business at this figure has not so far been brought about.
Fixtures reported:—Moji/Shanghai \$3.00, Wakamatsu/Swallow \$7.50, Hoihow/Swallow \$8 and Hongkong/Saigon \$7 per ton.

SHANGHAI PIECE GOODS TRADE.

Messrs. Ibbert and Co's (Ltd.) Piece Goods Market Report says:—

An extraordinary situation, created by a mandate from Peking, instituting a "Moratorium" in regard to the note issues and deposits of certain Government controlled banks, has rendered trade more chaotic than ever in the interval, if that were possible. The political reason at the bottom of this move on the part of the Government is not apparent, unless it is to retain the command of actual silver in case of need for the payment of troops, during the present acute stage of the negotiations between North and South in regard to the President. The more sensible amongst native businessmen are praying for a rapid termination of European hostilities, so that the affairs of the country may be put into a hopelessly unmanageable state. Meantime, business remains in a state of suspended animation. The country wants cargo and cannot finance it, either in movement of specie or by credit, nor can exports be exchanged against it, as the high rate of exchange now ruling has been an insuperable obstacle to most export business.

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CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(With Text and Po's Service.)

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

PROJECTED FOREIGN LOANS.

SHANGHAI, May 26.
It is reported from Peking that the Bank of Communications will permit its Shanghai branch to obtain a foreign loan of \$700,000 to resume business. The Peking Chamber of Commerce has petitioned for permission to negotiate with a foreign bank for a loan of \$8,000,000 to relieve the financial crisis. The Chamber has been also suggested the transfer of \$3,000,000 from the Salt revenue surplus to the Bank of Communications and the Bank of China for the cashing of their notes.

THE SITUATION IN SZECHUAN.

SHANGHAI, May 25.
Five cities in Szechuan province have declared independence.

THE PRESIDENT.

PEKING, May 25.
The President, replying to Chan Yi's complaints of his delay in retiring, assures him that he will retire immediately satisfactory arrangements are made and he orders Chan Yi to come to Peking forthwith to discuss the matter.

AN ATTACK ON SHANGHAI ARSENAL STORE.

SHANGHAI, May 26.
Revolutionists made a surprise attack on the arsenal store about eight o'clock last night, but were repulsed, retired towards the French Settlement, and disappeared. The casualties on both sides totalled about twenty.

REPORTED ASSASSINATION.

SHANGHAI, May 26.
It is reported that Wat Yeong Kwong, ex-Governor of Chekiang, has been murdered at his native home, Taichow.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

POLITICAL DEADLOCK IN CHINA.

UNABLE TO AGREE ON YUAN'S SUCCESSOR.

LONDON, May 25.
The Times correspondent at Peking says that the political deadlock in China continues. The real difficulty is apparently the absence of agreement upon the successor to the Presidency. The so-called responsible Cabinet, formed a month ago, has already broken up. Brigandage is increasing and trade is more restricted. The financial position is daily becoming worse. Foreign interests are not menaced, however, and the administration has not collapsed.

INDEPENDENCE OF SZECHUAN.

SHANGHAI, May 25.
The Independence of the Province of Szechuan was officially proclaimed on the 22nd inst.

THE GREAT FIRE AT SHANGHAI.

INSURANCE WITH GERMAN AND CHINESE COMPANIES.

Messrs. Carlowitz and Co's godown at Footing (Shanghai) which was burnt out a week ago was a brick structure of four stories, measuring approximately 250 ft. by 80 ft. The building itself is said to be valued at from Tk. 50,000 to Tk. 90,000, while a valuation of the contents, which were largely cotton and hides, has been placed at Tk. 500,000, but this is thought to be rather excessive, says the "N. C. Daily News." Our contemporary adds: The large building was stored to capacity with loose unpressed, native cotton, and it is reported that nearly all of it was Chinese owned, and that Messrs. Carlowitz by reason of restrictions imposed by the war being unable to send the cotton to market, had sold it to Chinese. It was covered by insurance, it is stated, placed with German companies, for which Messrs. Carlowitz are agents. So far as could be learned no British or other firms were insured. German and Chinese are interested.

The "Shanghai Mercury" says the following companies are understood to be interested:

Shanghai Fire Insurance Company	7 1/2
Sincere (Hongkong) Companies	81,500
Sook On	45,000
Lun Tai	22,000
Netherland	40,000
Tosie	45,900
Albino	15,000
Ladoburg	10,000
Allianz	10,000
Hamburg-Bremer	5,000
Halle	5,000
Frankfurt	5,000

THE PARIS TRADE CONFERENCE.

MR. J. M. ROBERTSON'S WARNING.

The most important non-military question of the year is our attitude towards German trade, and at the Paris Conference to which Mr. Bunciman and Mr. Bonar Law are shortly going, preliminaries of this debate must be opened.

A remarkably sane and steady view of the situation has just been written by Mr. J. M. Robertson, M.P., and published by the Cobden Club. Mr. Robertson admits the difficulty of fairly considering the problem in view of German militarism, as he himself remarks: "many Englishmen of business trade habitually with non-European savages at all times, view then, that European savages should not be treated with may fail to stand the test of peace experience." He has no patience with the people who talk about framing the peace terms in order to minimise German resentment in the future.

If the German people remain, as they are said to be, "convinced" that the war was forced upon Germany by the Allies, it would be worse than futile to attempt by peace negotiations to convince them that the facts were otherwise. Practically speaking a nation pictured as thus misinformed is only another version of the "native" one, and we cannot reason with a mad elephant nor may we take cool precautions in our dealing with it. A continuously rabid Germany, then, may make necessary for us and our Allies a fiscal policy which so far as financial cripples, while in large measure curtailing our own possibilities of wealth.

"This will not be a sacrifice of principle," he argues, "but a sacrifice of potential gain. It will be a political and military self-preservation." It should not be pretended to be one of economic advantage.

WHAT ABOUT INDEMNITIES?
Before we adopt such a policy, Mr. Robertson contends that we must remember that it will render it impossible to exact from Germany any indemnity for Belgium and Serbia.
His own view is that Germany should be compelled to indemnify her victims not in bullion, but in raw and manufactured materials. She has robbed Belgium and France of millions of pounds worth of furniture, for example. Let the Allies exact from Germany the delivery of furniture of satisfactory quality, old or new. In the same way she should be compelled to return all the coal and iron and metals which she has stolen from our Allies. If Germany is to pay indemnity in specie or scrip she must sell goods, and this must stimulate German industry, forcing it to compete with our trade in neutral markets.
Germany, if the Allies decided to boycott her trade, would make agreements with neutral nations, giving them her best terms and getting the best terms from them. Mr. Robertson demands whether the best course in our own interests is not to leave Germany to trade where she will, to pay her indemnities, as she can, and to win her way back to peaceful trade relations with her neighbours as best she may.

THE SIMPLE WAY.

If the Allied peoples as consumers decide to have no unnecessary trade with Germany, they have simply to abstain from buying German goods. It will be long before German trades are welcomed in any Allied state. If any plan could be formed to "keep Germany down" by the Allies they would be justified in acting on it, but it is impossible.
"All the nations of the world are industrially conditioned by each other and the misery of one infects the rest. And it is probably much better for mankind as a whole that it is so."
So far the story for a boycott. The other favourite remedy, the threatened old Tariff Reform "propaganda" to the new situation by proposing that we shall adopt the taxation of imports, and Dominion, worse terms to the neutrals, and still worse to the enemy States.

THE PREFERENCE POLLY.

During this war Germany, Austria, France, and Italy have all been compelled to suspend some or all of their duties on food imports. That means that a policy which is extremely prejudicial to military grounds is found by all these Protectionist countries to be unworkable in time of war. Even high Protection would not enable Great Britain to feed herself and remain a powerful and populous nation as she has before. At the same time, it is madness to demand taxation on semi-manufactured imports after the war, when our great industrial task will be to compete with neutral and enemy countries in production.
Mr. Robertson further points out that such a tariff as the *Morning Post* and its admirers demand would be the most complicated ever seen. Its advocates do not tell us whether India is to have better terms, and they are bound to state that a policy which is extremely prejudicial to military grounds is found by all these Protectionist countries to be unworkable in time of war. Even high Protection would not enable Great Britain to feed herself and remain a powerful and populous nation as she has before. At the same time, it is madness to demand taxation on semi-manufactured imports after the war, when our great industrial task will be to compete with neutral and enemy countries in production.

Another set of perils will arise with neutrals. If the United States is to get worse terms for food and raw materials than Russia, it will inevitably give better terms to German manufacturers than to ours. Instead of making the most of our trade with European neutrals, we shall by this madness drive them into the arms of Germany.

"NEUTRAL" FACTORIES.
Then there is the danger that German capital will set up manufactures in Switzerland and Scandinavia, and shall be driven to convert anti-anti-German tariff into an all-round one against neutrals. Such a course would land us after a few years of peace in the commercial dilemma of Germany before the war—the necessity of securing new markets by force.

Such a fiscal system inevitably makes for ill-will among nations; it would harm us and do a deadly disservice to civilisation all over the world.

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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

THE VERDUN BATTLE.

CAPTURED GERMAN OFFICER'S STATEMENT.

LONDON, May 26. The British special correspondent at French Headquarters sends interesting details of the fighting at Verdun by a German officer prisoner. He dwells on the annihilating effect of the French counter-attacks and the terrific power of the artillery which is most difficult to locate. The heavy guns most methodically dropped a shell every twenty yards. The intervals were swept by the fire of the Seventy-fives and produced a condition of "apathetic fatalism" amongst the infantry who were deprived of all hope of escaping either by charging forward or flying to the rear. As soon as the assault was expected fatalism turned into exasperation.

He declared that the report of the capture of Vaux Fort was due to a reporter's involuntary mistake. The Germans never advanced beyond the slopes. He added that the fundamental mistake of the German Staff was its failure to follow the attacking troops.

THE FOOD SITUATION IN GERMANY.

ILLUMINATING STATEMENT IN THE REICHSTAG.

AMSTERDAM, May 26. In the Reichstag Herr Botzki, President of the newly created Food Supply Board, warned the House not to expect any sudden improvement in food conditions. He emphasised the great difficulties arising from the relations with the Federal States. Muzzling letters had reached him from Wurttemberg protesting against being "sucked dry" by Prussia. Herr Botzki pleaded for the co-operation of the States; otherwise his work would fail.

INDIAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR IN GERMANY.

LONDON, May 26. It is officially announced that an American report on the War prisoners' camp at Wundorf, where there are 600 Indians, shows the conditions to be satisfactory. Care is taken that the foodstuffs conform with their religious beliefs. The relations between the prisoners and the military are excellent. Many prisoners receive weekly parcels of food from Great Britain which are shared equally.

SPANISH STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, May 26. The Spanish steamer *Surreta* has been sunk.

THE ALLIES ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

LONDON, May 26. It is understood that June 5th has been definitely fixed as the date for the Economic Conference in Paris.

SMALL HOLDINGS FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

LONDON, May 26. The House of Lords has passed the second reading of the Small Holdings Bill designed to place 15,000 soldiers and sailors on 200,000 acres of land. The cost is estimated at £6,000,000.

THE IRISH SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, May 26. It is stated that Mr. Herbert Samuel, who was mainly responsible for framing the finance clauses in the Home Rule Bill, will be associated with Mr. Lloyd George in the Irish negotiations. Either Mr. Dillon or Mr. Devlin will assist Mr. Redmond.

THE CASEMENT TRIAL.

LONDON, May 26. The trial of Sir Roger Casement at the Old Bailey will take place on June 4th. His counsel will include the famous counsel Sir George Sullivan.

THE TYROL FIGHTING.

A BATTLE OF GIANTS.

LONDON, May 26. Nowhere is the war more like a battle of giants, says the Correspondent of the Milan *Secolo*, in describing the battle of the Tyrol. Great Austrian shells burrow deep holes in the mountain sides. Rocks split and crumble. Whole slices of the mountain, with pine forests, sent cut off, and crash with a noise like thunder into the valleys below. The resistance of the Italians under such conditions is marvellous. Yet immediately masses of Austrian infantry are hurled in attacks, the Italians appear like magic from rocks and dug-outs and how down the enemy in hundreds. The bodies are strewn on the slopes. There is no depression. Italian reserve troops hurry up on motor-lorries festooned with leaves, and with flowers and bouquets on their rifles, confident of victory.

AN ITALIAN ADVANCE.

LONDON, May 26. The *Times* correspondent at Salitka reports that the Italians have begun an attack on the Austrians south-east of Valona and are also advancing north-eastwards on Berat.

ITALIAN GENERAL PLACED ON RETIRED LIST.

ROME, May 26. Lieutenant-General Brusati has been placed on the retired list.

COSSACKS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, May 26. A Russian communique explains that the Cossacks who joined General Sir Percy Lake in Mesopotamia belonged to the force operating in the region of Kermanshah.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE STRUGGLE AT VERDUN.

THE FIGHT FOR FORT DOUAMONT.

An addition to the important French Note published in our late Edition last night says:—
What has happened in the last two days at Fort Douaumont is impossible to describe. No language can do justice to the heroic deeds and the marvellous exploits of our soldiers, whose heroism is incomparable. The slopes at Fort Douaumont are covered with German corpses. The fact that the German losses are greater than ours is explained by the curtain of fire of the 75's, which are far more murderous than the German preparatory bombardments. It is reported that fifty-seven trains full of wounded Germans have left for the interior of Germany.

HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES.

PARIS, May 26. Fighting is still heavy at Verdun. To-day's communique says there was an intense artillery duel on the Hill 304. Deadmen—Cumieres front.
French bombers progressed in the night time in the thickets eastward of Cumieres.
A strong German attack gained a footing in one trench northward of Handromont Quarries.
There was a continuous mutual and very violent bombardment in the Douaumont region.

SERIES OF ENEMY ATTACKS REPULSED.

PARIS, May 26. Last night's communique says:—On the left of the Meuse the activity of the enemy artillery increased in the day time against Hill 304.
The Germans on the right of the Meuse, after a furious bombardment, delivered a series of attacks at five o'clock in the afternoon between Handromont Wood and Thiaumont Farm. All were repulsed with heavy loss, except at one point, where fractions of the enemy captured part of a trench.
The violent artillery duel continued in the Douaumont region.
A French pilot in a fight in the air fell a Fokker near Vaux.
In a fight between two air squadrons in the Blain district two enemy machines were badly hit and compelled to land.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

MINING ACTIVITY AT LOOS.

LONDON, May 26. General Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique, says:—There was considerable mining activity in our favour in the Loos salient last night. To-day there was reciprocal artillery activity at many points.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

PIERCE ATTACKS REPULSED.

ROME, May 26. A communique says there were mostly rifle and artillery duels, but the enemy fiercely attacked at several points, and were repulsed. They were pursued after the failure of an attack on the Buole Pass, by the Italians, who captured a hill south-east of the Pass.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

MINOR OPERATIONS.

PETHROGRAD, May 25. A communique reports minor operations on all the fronts.
A Turkish offensive was repulsed in the Mosul region.
A communique, reporting the junction of the British and Russian forces in Mesopotamia, says the Cossacks arrived at the British Headquarters on the 22nd.

MORE VESSELS SUNK.

LONDON, May 25. The following vessels have been sunk:—
Lavanzo (Italian).
Itros (Greek sailor).
Oradella (Italian steamer).
The *Teresa* (Italian) was damaged.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND PEACE.

WASHINGTON, May 26. Callers at White House who have discussed the situation with President Wilson, state that the President's attitude toward the peace proposals is neutral. He will only intervene when the belligerents have reached a mutual understanding as to terms of settlement.

THE DESTITUTE CHILDREN OF BELGIUM.

A BENEFIT DAY THROUGHOUT BRITISH EMPIRE.

LONDON, May 25. The National Committee for Relief in Belgium is arranging a Children's Day for Belgium throughout the Empire. The day fixed is July 10th, and they ask the children of every school to organise concerts, sports, and other entertainments and devote the proceeds to the children who remain in Belgium under German tyranny. A careful analysis indicates that 2,500,000 children up to the age 16 are still in Belgium, the majority of whom are destitute. Through the neutral Commission they are provided with a daily ration, which is just enough to keep them alive. It is hoped that the children of South Africa, India, and the Crown Colonies, who have already done so much, will assist on the 10th July in frustrating Germany's systematic warfare on children.
Mr. Arthur Henderson, Minister of Education, has sanctioned the proposal in the English and Welsh Schools, and the High Commissioners and Agents-General have been asked to obtain the co-operation of their respective Governments.
In view of the shortage of time, the National Committee hopes that all education and school authorities in the countries named will forthwith make arrangements so that the tribute of the British children throughout the Empire shall be worthy of the children of Belgium, who, despite oppression and the threat of starvation, remain loyal to King Albert.

OPERATIONS IN EGYPT.

RETAIATION FOR PORT SAID RAID.

LONDON, May 26. A communique regarding Egypt states that in retaliation for the air attack on Port Said our aeroplanes dropped forty bombs on advanced posts at Rodhsalem, El Ramma, Birbayud, Biralmanas, and Birelmazar, and did much damage, including the destruction of water-tanks at Rodhsalem. This upset the enemy's whole plan, as he had greatly valued the water-tanks at Rodhsalem: since our patrols destroyed the drilling plant at Jiffa. One machine, in returning, had its tank holed with a bullet, but descended beyond our lines, repaired the leak and returned safely.
Supplementary reports show that it was a German column which suffered from our aeroplane attack at El Arish on the 18th inst. Details of the naval bombardment at El Arish on the 18th inst. show that the accurate fire of the two monitors and a sloop was directed by seaplanes with much effect. The heavy guns of the monitors fired 34 shells, two of which hit a hangar and aerodrome. Most of the remainder burst on the tents and in the camp, scattering the enemy, who sought shelter in the palm groves on shore. The sloop stood in and searched the palm groves with salvoes. The bombardment lasted for two hours, and destroyed a strong fort and the town. The enemy were demoralised and did not attempt to reply.

MESOPOTAMIA CAMPAIGN.

TURKISH COMMUNICATIONS UNDER FIRE.

LONDON, May 25. General Sir Percy Lake reports that the enemy is still holding his positions on the left bank of the Tigris in the vicinity of Samarra-Yak. The British artillery, from the right bank, is maintaining an effective fire against the Turkish communications on the left bank.

THE COMPULSION BILL.

KING'S MESSAGE TO THE NATION.

LONDON, May 25. The Royal Assent has been given to the Compulsion Bill, which consequently comes into force on the 24th June.
H.M. the King has issued the following message to his people:—

"To enable the country to organise more effectively her military resources in the present great struggle for the cause of civilisation I have, acting on the advice of my Ministers deemed it necessary to enrol every able-bodied man between the ages of 18 and 41. I desire to take this opportunity of expressing to my people my recognition and appreciation of the splendid patriotism they have displayed in raising by voluntary enlistment since the commencement of the war no less than 5,041,000 men. The effort is far surpassing that of any other nation in similar circumstances recorded in history, and will be a lasting source of pride to the future generations.
"I am confident that the magnificent spirit which has hitherto been sustained by my people through the trials of this terrible war will inspire them to endure the additional sacrifices now imposed upon them, and with God's help, lead us and our Allies to a victory which will achieve the liberation of Europe."

THE IRISH COMMISSION.

EVIDENCE OF CHIEF OF CONSTABULARY.

LONDON, May 25. Giving evidence before the Irish Commission now sitting in Dublin, Colonel Sir Neville Chamberlain, K.C.B., K.C.V.O. (Inspector-General of the Royal Irish Constabulary) declared that he had reported on the seriousness of the Sinn Féinism, and made recommendations, but they had not been adopted.

THE IRISH PROBLEM.

EFFORT AT GREAT AND LASTING SETTLEMENT.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AS MEDIATOR.

LONDON, May 25. The House of Commons was crowded to hear Mr. Asquith's eagerly-awaited statement on Ireland. Lord Wimborne (until recently Lord Lieutenant of Ireland) was a spectator in the Peers' Gallery.
The Premier affirmed that the primary duty of the Government was to restore order and prevent the recurrence of disorder. He rejoined in the overwhelming evidence that the great bulk of the Irish nation were not in sympathy with the rebellion. Martial law continued as a precaution, but he hoped that its disappearance would be speedy and complete.
The composition of the Irish Executive must be temporarily provisional. There were two main impressions from his visit to Ireland, namely: firstly, the breakdown of the Irish Executive; secondly, the strength, depth, and universality of feeling in Ireland that now was an unique opportunity for a new departure and for a settlement of the problem. He emphasised that Irishmen of all creeds and classes had shed their blood for the Empire. It was inconceivable that a prospect of internecine strife after the war could be tolerated. It would mean a confession of bankruptcy not only of statesmanship but of patriotism.
An agreement between the different interests and parties in Ireland was of paramount importance. Mr. Lloyd George, at the unanimous request of his colleagues, would devote his energy and power towards an agreement, and he had already been in communication with the various parties. Mr. Asquith hoped and believed that his mission of peace and reconciliation, and, if possible unity, would be successful.
Mr. Asquith solemnly appealed to everyone to abstain from immediate discussion of Irish affairs, likely to prevent a great and lasting settlement.

Mr. John Redmond said the appeal imposed a very severe test on the Irish Party, but he could not take the responsibility of not responding. If the Government's new step failed it would not be due to any unreasonableness on the part of the Nationalists. (Cheers.)
Mr. O'Brien concurred somewhat grudgingly, and Sir Edward Carson readily responded.
ANOTHER DUTCH PROTEST TO GERMANY.
THE HAGUE, May 26. The Government of Holland has protested to Germany against the sinking of the steamer *Bergedijk*.

THE RECENT FALL IN SILVER.

STATISTICAL POSITION VERY STRONG.

LONDON, May 25. Messrs. Montagu & Co. report attributes the sensational fall in the price of silver to the coincidence of the absence of competition and the sudden eagerness of the Indian bazaar to sell not only small holdings in London but also considerable amounts for delivery weeks ahead. The latter are apparently bear operations. The report says that the statistical position of silver is very strong.
The United States authorities estimate the production of the United States in 1915 at 67½ million ounces, as compared with 72½ million ounces in 1914.

TO-DAY'S GYMKHANA.

In glorious weather the second Gymkhana of the season was held at the Race Course, Happy Valley, this afternoon. There was a good attendance. The band of the 15th Punjab played some popular selections during the afternoon. His Excellency the Governor arrived just before the start of the first race.
The results up to time of going to press were:—

THREE QUARTER MILE HANDICAP.
Mr. Slaves' Nishan, late Bluebird (Byrd) 1
Mr. H. P. White's New Zealand, late The Bay Bird (Knoll) 2
Mr. David's Cligwyn (Owner) 3
Time, 1.35.4-5.
Parimutuel: winner £7.00; 1st, £3.00; 2nd, £7.00; 3rd, £20.00.
Cash Sweep: 1st, ticket No. 10, £94.42; 2nd, ticket No. 53, £104.12; 3rd, ticket No. 13, £72.06.

GYMKHANA STAKES.
Mr. Howland's Crosby (Knoll) 1
Mr. C. C. Boyd's Matchbox (Owner) 2
Mr. Cottage's Electric Light (Sethi) 3
Time, 2.10.
Parimutuel: winner £11.40; 1st, £5.50; 2nd, £5.00.

Cash Sweep: 1st, ticket No. 104, £361.50; 2nd, ticket No. 55, £101.00; 3rd, ticket No. 100, £40.50.

RADIAN'S NOMINATION.
Miss Gordon 1
Mr. L. F. Green, nominated by Mrs. Vivian Findlay Smith 1
Mr. T. C. Duguid, nominated by Mrs. Villiers Smyth 3
Dead heat.

Parimutuel: winner £44.10 each. Places: 1st, £15.50; 2nd, £24.10; 3rd, £7.00.
Cash Sweep: Tickets No. 72 and 174. £410.32 each; 3rd ticket, No. 68, £93.18.

BEST TO TELL THE TRUTH.

POWER OF GREAT NATION THROWN AWAY DURING PEACE.

A lay sermon, in Lloyd's took for its text, "Be sure your sin will find you out," and the writer, Mr. Arthur Lee, said:—
"Not a week goes by in the story of the world but the Eternal Truth is set on high for all mankind to see. The Germans are thundering at the gates of Verdun. Why do they thunder there? They are paying the price of their evil choice. They threw away their honour to avoid this way through France, they lied to the world about Belgium, they tore up their treaties, they made their name, a byword in the nations to escape this guarded way, and they took the 'easy' way, like thieves in the night, across an undefended land. And now, after nineteen months of sacrifice and agony, after a veritable Niagara of human blood and gold, they are back at the gates of Verdun; their sin has found them out. So, too, another lie has been out. You cannot even lie about a Prime Minister's wife in England now without being sorry for it. It was Emerson who said that all things balance in this world, that if you lie you suffer for it; and he was probably right. It is best to tell the truth."
"It is not the big gun that rules the world, but the big Fact; it is not Might, but Right. We need not go back very far to prove it, but go back as far as you will, go back to the first of all the empires. But need not talk of the past, we need not even talk of yesterday, for this waste of life is going on still, this destruction of power, this strangling of knowledge, this sowing of disease."
"We love the dignity of our old churches and cathedrals, but have you been in the shadow of their walls? Have you seen the slums in which kind men would not put a dog? Have you breathed the fumes that millions of our poor call air? Have you seen the rubbish heaps that some of them call homes? They breed misery and crime and sin; they are the hot-beds of disease. Little children die in some of our clean homes not far away. Our slums are worse than any Zepplin; they kill more children than any Zepplin would do if it came to England every night and did its worst. The dragons' teeth that grow in slums gnaw at an empire's heart. There are rivers rushing through this lovely land, there are wide, empty spaces of valley and plain yet pure air and water are rare as gold among masses of our poor. There are not enough boots in our homes to go round; there is not enough bread in our cellars to feed our little ones. Not one of us will defend these things, but we stand and see the tragic procession of the poor so by, and at home, as in France and Flanders, our life-blood pours away. It can be proved that this is much too great a story, but that is much too great a story, to tell here, that we have thrown away the power of a great nation in the peace since Napoleon. We have thrown it away as if life and power fell from the skies."

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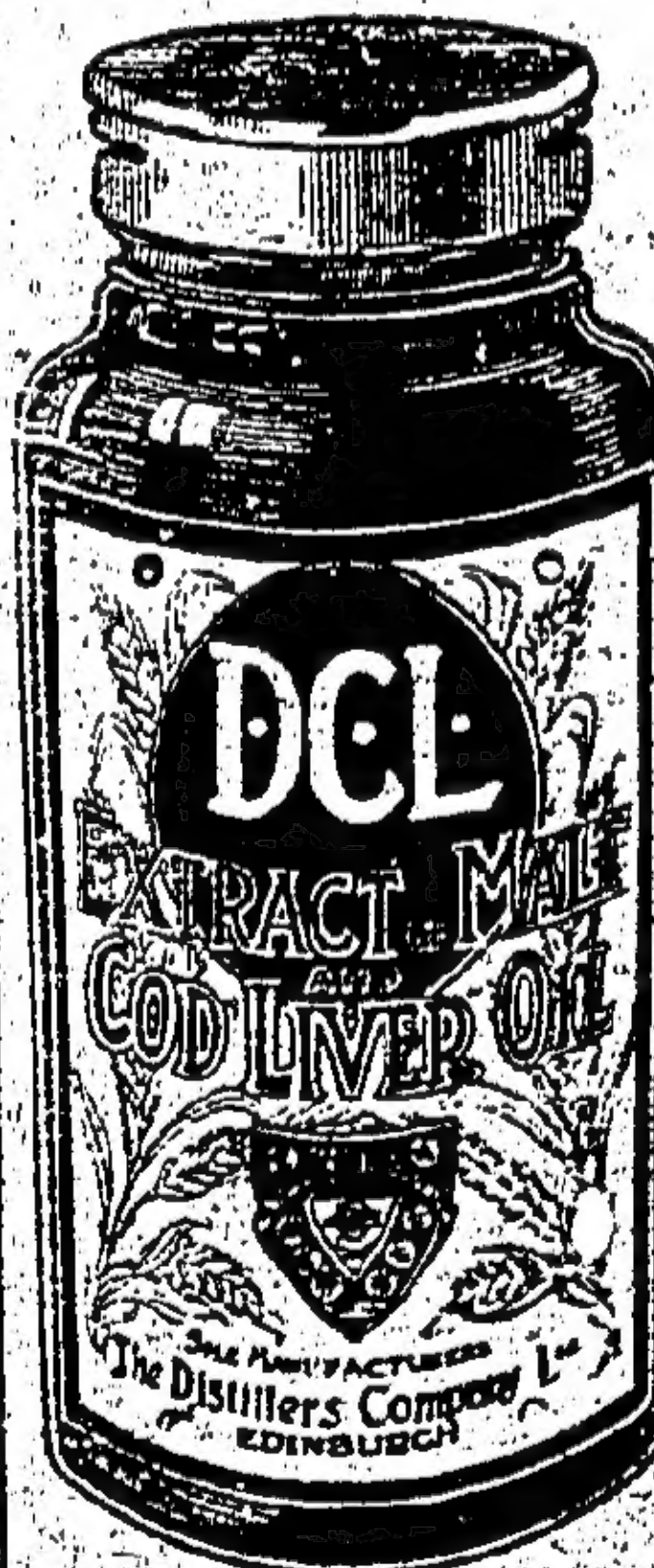
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to	from	Marseilles	London	
Colombo	Colombo	1916	1916	
NOVARA	June 2	MOREA	July 3	July 10
NAGOYA	June 16	KHAYBER	July 17	July 24
NYANZA	June 30	Through Steamer	Aug. 4	Aug. 13
NELLORE	July 14	Through Steamer	Aug. 18	Aug. 27
NANKIN	July 28	Through Steamer	Sept. 1	Sept. 10
SOMALI	Aug. 11	Through Steamer	Sept. 11	Sept. 18
NORF	Aug. 25	MOULTAN	Sept. 25	Oct. 2
MAITA	Sept. 8	KASHGAR	Oct. 9	Oct. 16

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YOKOHAMA.

S.S.	Leave Hongkong About
NYANZA	WEDNESDAY, 31st May.
NAGOYA	TUESDAY, 6th June.
NELLORE	SATURDAY, 17th June.
NANKIN	SATURDAY, 1st July.

Passengers may travel by Railway in Japan between Ports of Call free of charge.
Return Tickets are available by Messageries Maritimes Company, Shanghai only.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS:

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NOVARA	Aug. 16	Aug. 21	Sept. 20	Sept. 29

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Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Cape of Good Hope at Owners' option.
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CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO
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Acknowledged to May 4, 1916. \$12,712.08

Since received:

Collected by Mrs. Pentreath

(List No. 6):

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Forster 5000 G.A.P. 10.00

L.M. 100 G.A.P. 25.00

Mr. F. G. Becke, Whampoa for

Feb. 1, March and April 45.00

Lustino Recreation Club:

Presented 1000 Cigarettes

and sale of programmes at

the Club's Sports 24 April 84.00

Members' Kowloon Customs

Staff for April 1916 per Mr.

H. D. Gander 26.00

Hon. Treasurer "War Char-

ities Fund" amount, car-

ried for Cigarette and

Tobacco Fund 113.00

Per Mrs. Jordan, Victoria

Lodge, from Ladies' Bridge

Boat 12.60

Mr. G. C. Maxon, April 4.00

Per British American Tobacco

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CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.

8th Sunday After Easter, May 28.

Holy Communion (8.00 a.m.)

Matins (11 a.m.)

Responses, Psalms, Venite, Hosanna.

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WEATHER REPORT. On the 27th at 12.15.—No returns from Japanese or Indo-Chinese stations.

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Union Church, Kennedy Road. Morning 11 a.m.—Hymns, 347, 344, 12, 517. Subject: A Parable of the Vine.

St. Peter's Church, West Point. 8 a.m.—Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m.—Sunday School. 12 a.m.—Morning Prayer and sermon.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Morning Prayer. Responses, Psalms, Venite, Hosanna.

The Peak Church. Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m. Evening Service and address at 6.30 p.m.

The Gospel Hall. 10 & 12 PEDDER'S STREET. Weekly Services: Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers only 11 a.m.

First Church of Christ Scientists. MACDONNELL ROAD. Sunday, 11 a.m. Wednesday, 6.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church Wanchai. Sunday Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6.15 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street. Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

THE PEAK CLUB. NOTICE TO MEMBERS. NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place at the PEAK CLUB at 6.30 p.m. on MONDAY the 29th inst.

TO LET. PREMISES at present occupied by CHS. J. GAUFF & Co., Alexandria Buildings, Chater Road.

TO LET. A SMALL GODOWN in Prince's Building. For particulars etc apply THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LTD.

TO LET. A HOUSE in Kowloon. No. 2, Lyceum Villa. Apply to CHANG YUK SHU, C/o YEE SANG FAT Co.

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SHIPPING. ARRIVALS. May 26. Sinking, British steamer, 1918, Owen, Shanghai May 26.—General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

DEPARTURES. May 27. Empress of Japan, British str., 3,030, F. L. Davidson, Vancouver May 27, Flour and General.—C. P. R. Co.

CLEARED. Shirats, for Shanghai and Kobe. Y. M. S. for Chingwangtao. Laertes, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS. ARRIVALS. For Taihoku, from Swatow, Messrs. Erickson and Norman.

STEAMERS EXPECTED. Other Vessels. The s.s. Louther Castle is expected here from New York on the 28th inst.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED. For P. & O. s.s. Morea. From London April 1.—To Hongkong, Mr. Harris, To Shanghai, Mr. G. R. White, Mr. Dettall, Mr. M. Stuart, Mrs. Mason.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES. Parcels containing tobacco, cigars or cigarettes and addressed to individual members of the French Army can only be accepted if payment of the customs charges is undertaken by the sender.

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